

Holliday Park Happenings

June-September 2017
Program Guide

Coming this season!

Summer Concert Series

Kankakee Sands Trip

Honduras Eco Tour



Welcome to Holliday Park

One of Indianapolis' oldest parks, Holliday Park is among the most environmentally diverse, yet accessible, tracts of land within Marion County. The park is located along the banks of the White River and has 95 acres of woodland and over three miles of trails. As a major urban resource, it features a 13,000 square foot nature center with Habitat Hall including interactive displays and live animals, rental spaces, arboretum, prairie, ornamental and native gardens, playground, rock garden, and picnic areas. Holliday Park is host to over 30 community and educational groups that use the nature center throughout the year. Thirty thousand participants annually attend Holliday Park's environmental education programs and events.

Program Registration Information

Registration for summer programs is now open.

Call 317-327-7180 or **visit www.indy.gov/parks** to register. Fees due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), and all major credit cards.

Nature Center Hours

Monday–Saturday 9 am–5 pm

Sunday 1–5 pm

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Indianapolis, IN 46260

www.holidaypark.org

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Holliday Park Hours

Dawn to Dusk



Volunteer Opportunities

Holliday Park and Nature Center would not be the beautiful, dynamic, and happening place it is without energetic and caring volunteers. They assist in the office, with school groups, out on the trails, in the gardens and with special events. They are a priceless asset, and you can be too! Please call 317-327-7180 for more information and watch the video “Give Back to Holliday Park” at **www.holidaypark.org**

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Exhibits and Special Events

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Daily:

Jul. 14-Sep. 10

Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm

Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required.

Summer Concert Series

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and head to Holliday Park for a free evening of family fun! Sponsored by the Friends of Holliday Park.

Thursdays:

May 25: The Tides (Island Rock)

Jun. 8: Matt Roush (Popular Covers)

Jun. 22: Dave and Rae (Popular Covers)

Jul. 6: Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Jul. 20: Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra

7-9 pm

Free! No registration required.



Clustertruck Thursdays

Holliday Park hosts food trucks on Thursday concert nights this summer! Visit www.indyfta.com to check the schedule and menus.

Thursdays:

May 25-Jul. 20

6-9 pm

Costs vary. No registration required.

Exhibits and Special Events

Holliday Park Paint Out

Do not miss this exciting Plein Air Paint Out at Holliday Park. Artists are invited to produce and finish a work of art in one day, outdoors, “en plein air”. The artwork created during the event may be viewed and purchased at the Artist Reception on Saturday night. A portion of the artist’s sales will go to support Holliday Park. Spectators are welcome to watch artists in action as well as attend the reception. There is no entry fee, however artists wishing to participate in the sale must pay a \$30 vending fee.

Saturday, Jun. 10:

7 am-4 pm: Artists in action in the park

5-7:30 pm: Art Reception & Sale in the nature center

\$30/artist to participate in art sale (13066),

Free for spectators!



Call 317-327-7180 or visit
www.indy.gov/parks to register.

Exhibits and Special Events

Kankakee Sands & Prophetstown State Park Prairie Tour

After 200 years, bison roam the prairie in Indiana once again. Join us on a road trip tour of the Kankakee Sands Preserve in Morocco and Prophetstown State Park in West Lafayette. The Kankakee Sands contains 7,800 acres of restored Tall Grass Prairie and is now the home to a herd of 30 American Bison. Prophetstown also has a restored prairie, as well as facilities and programming interpreting the historical and cultural uses of the prairie. Cost includes round-trip transportation, a bag lunch, snacks, a docent presentation, and park entrance fees. Ages 16+.

Saturday, Sep. 9 (13062)

10 am-7 pm

\$50/person, pre-registration required.



Youth and Family Programs

Create and Decorate Workshops

Get crafty this summer! Make unique nature crafts and discover new methods and ideas along the way! All materials are provided during these hands-on workshops.

Sundays:

Jun. 4: Animal Wall Art (13038)

Aug. 13: Clay Leaf Bowls (13039)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$8/craft, pre-registration required.

Nature Play Day: Natural Boat Making

Holliday Park is offering a free family nature program in support of the Indiana Children and Nature Network's state-wide initiative for getting kids outside. Stop by the nature center and make a boat out of natural materials. We will launch them along the streams of the park and watch them make their way out to the White River.

Sunday, Jun. 11

1:30-2:30 pm- Boat Making

2:30-3:30 pm- Boat Launching

Free! No registration required.

Small Wonders Preschool Programs

Learn easy ways to engage your preschooler in nature and scientific exploration. Each class introduces a new topic through hands-on activities, hikes and crafts, and provides ideas for exploring at home. Classes are designed for children and their caregiver. Ages 3-4. Sign up for an individual class, or the whole series for a discounted price!

Tuesdays:

Jun. 20: Ants (13056)

Jul. 18: Fish (13057)

Aug. 15: Clouds (13058)

Package of three (13055)

9:30-10:30 am

\$6/child, \$15/package, pre-registration required.

Youth and Family Programs

Beastly Brunch

The animals at the nature center eat rather interesting food. Watch staff feed the animals crickets, worms, and even mice, and learn about their diets! Meets in the lobby.

Wednesdays:

Jun. 21

Jul. 19

Aug. 9 & 23

Sep. 13 & 27

10:30-11 am

Free! No registration required. Donations appreciated.

Hoosier Herpetological Society

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of its members and the conservation of all reptiles and amphibians. All programs are open to the public, families are welcome. Visit www.hoosierherpsoc.org for more information.

Wednesdays:

Jun. 21

Jul. 19

Aug. 16

Sep. 20

7-9 pm

Free! No registration required.

Pack the Parks at Holliday Park

Join the city-wide celebration! Holliday Park is offering free activities all day long that will inspire you get out and enjoy your local parks.

Saturday, Jul. 8:

9-5 pm, Nature crafts & game supplies in lobby

9 – 10:15 am, Yoga at the Ruins

10:30-11 am, Naturalist-lead hike

1:30-2 pm, Naturalist-lead hike

3-4 pm, Take Flight! Birds of Prey Presentation

4-4:30 pm, Meet “Sage” the WGU Indiana Owl Mascot

Free! No registration required.

Youth and Family Programs

Jr. Animal Care Expert Series

Taking care of animals is a big job, but a lot of fun. Get a behind-the-scenes look at caring for turtles, frogs, toads, owls, and snakes. Nature center staff train participants in feeding, recording animal weights, and exercising the animals. On the last day, an Indiana Wildlife Rehabilitator and professionals from the Humane Society will visit and share ways of assisting animals in the community. Each day focuses on something new. Ages 10-15.

Monday-Wednesday, Jul. 10-12 (13059)

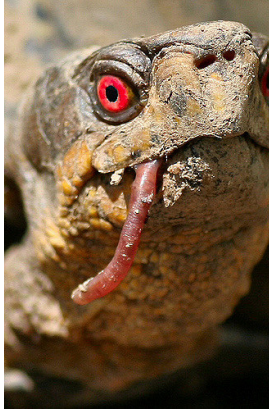
9 am-12 pm

Jul. 10: Animal Care and Feeding

Jul. 11: Animal Handling and Exercise

Jul. 12: Humane Society & Wildlife Rehabber Visit

\$40/child, pre-registration required.



Family Friday Night Campfires

Join us for a fun family Friday night around the campfire. Each night focuses on a different topic, starts around the campfire, and end with a hike. Roasting sticks and s'mores provided, bring your own hot dogs and make a meal of it!

Fridays:

Jul. 21: Moths (13043)

Aug. 11: National S'more Day (13044)

Sep. 22: Night Hawks (13045)

7-8:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required.

Youth and Family Programs

Family Creek Stomps

Holliday Park has ponds and creeks teeming with wildlife. Participants will have loads of fun getting wet and muddy exploring the creatures that live in these wet places. A naturalist will help you identify what you find! Nets and collecting tubs provided. Wear old shoes and clothes.

Sundays:

Jul. 30 (13041)

Sep. 10 (13042)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required.

Girl Scout Night Creatures Campfire

Join us for a late night adventure. We will start the evening off at the campfire making s'mores and learning about nocturnal animals, and then go on a night hike in the woods. We will provide the roasting sticks and s'mores, you are welcome to bring your own hot dogs and make a meal of it! Whole troops are welcome. Ages 7-14. Register through the Girl Scouts of Central IN at www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities.

Friday, Aug. 25 (13033)

7-8:45 pm

\$7/scout, \$3/adult, pre-registration required.

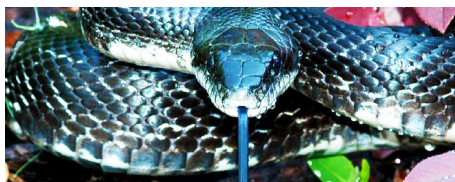
Meet a Critter: Snakes

Get a close-up experience with the nature center Black Rat Snake. We'll learn about its unique adaptations and how our naturalists keep it happy and healthy. Proceeds from the program support the care of the animals!

Sunday, Aug. 27 (13048)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/child, pre-registration required.



Youth and Family Programs

Animal Adoption Program

Do you or someone you know have a favorite nature center animal? Animal adoption is a great way to show support or can be a unique gift for any animal lover. This donation program provides funds for the animals' care, housing, and food. Donors receive an Adoption Certificate, Fact Sheet, an invitation to our annual adoption party, and have their name listed on donor exhibit.

To adopt a nature center animal, visit the nature center, call 317-327-7180 or visit www.hollidaypark.org.



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Adult Programs

Garden and Grow Workshops

Whether you are looking to fulfill Indiana Master Gardener requirements or just want to give back to the park, here's your chance to become a steward of these beautiful grounds. Join a team of volunteers who help maintain and improve the gardens of Holliday Park alongside horticulturalists Chris Turner and Kelly Frank. A relevant garden topic is presented on alternate sessions. Refreshments provided.

Fridays:
Jun. 2, 16 & 30
Jul. 14 & 28
Aug. 11 & 25
Sep. 8

Saturdays:
Jun. 10 & 24
Jul. 8 & 22
Aug. 5 & 19
Sep. 2

9-11 am
Free! No registration required.



Yoga in the Park

We are taking yoga outside this summer with Registered Yoga Instructor, Karen Powell. Heighten all your senses as you stretch, strengthen, and relax surrounded by nature. Sessions meet for four weeks; they will be held at different locations throughout Holliday Park. Please bring your own yoga mat. Beginners welcome. Ages 16+

Tuesdays:
Session 1- Upper Body Energy Centers:
Jun. 6-27 (13064)
Session 2- Lower Body Energy Centers:
Jul. 25-Aug 15 (13065)
6:30-7:45 pm
\$45/session, pre-registration required.

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Adult Programs

Volunteer Naturalist Training

If you are looking for an environmental volunteer opportunity and enjoy sharing the outdoors with others, then this is the place for you. Monthly trainings prepare volunteers to lead groups of children during environmental field trip programs at the nature center.

Visit www.hollidaypark.org/volunteer.

Wednesdays:

Jun. 7: Pollinators

Jul. 12: Reptiles

Aug. 2: Prairie

Sep. 6: Invasive Species

9:30-11 am

Free! No registration required.



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Adult Programs

Natural History Book Club

There are countless nature-related books that present a variety of pressing environmental concerns. This monthly program offers adults a chance to learn about nature and environmental issues through the words of different nature authors.

Fridays:

Jun. 9: *Voyage of the Turtle: In Pursuit of Earth's Last Dinosaur* by Carl Safina

Jul. 14: *The Moth Snowstorm: Nature and Joy* by Michael McCarthy

Aug. 11: *Bean Blossom Dreams* by Sallyann Murphy

Sep. 8: *Of a Feather: A Brief History of American Birding* by Scott Weidensaul

10-11:30 am

Free! No registration required.

Central Indiana Wilderness Club

Founded in 1982, Central Indiana Wilderness Club is a nonprofit volunteer-run club organized for the purpose of providing education and affordable wilderness adventures.

Meetings are open to the public, ages 16+.

Visit www.ciwclub.org for more information.

Wednesday, Jun. 14

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required.

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Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association

The Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association (CIBA) strives to communicate and share beekeeping knowledge and trends in Marion and Hamilton counties. Membership and meetings are free and open to anyone, ages 16+.

Learn more at www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org.

Mondays:

Jun. 19

Jul. 17

Aug. 21

Sep. 18

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required.



Indianapolis Hosta Society

Organized in 1886, the Indianapolis Hosta Society consists of hosta gardening enthusiasts who gather to learn more about shade gardening and share their gardening experiences with each other and the public.

Monday, Aug. 7

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required.

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Adult Programs

Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club (FCGC) aims to promote the knowledge and love of gardening, and is part of the national network of The Garden Club of America. It was established in 1941 by women living near Fall Creek but now includes members citywide. Club members are skilled in gardening with expertise on native plants, landscape design, invasive plant management, conservation and floral arrangements. Meetings are open to public. For more information contact the FCGC president at sarazeckel@gmail.com.

Monday, Aug. 14

1-2 pm

Free! No registration required

Amos Butler Audubon Society

Named after one of Indiana's greatest Naturalists, the Amos Butler chapter of the National Audubon Society is an organization that promotes the enjoyment and stewardship of birds in central Indiana. Join ABAS members during their monthly programs and morning bird hikes. Meetings and hikes are open to the public. Beginning birders welcome! For more information, visit www.amosbutleraudubon.org.

Morning Bird Walks:

Tuesdays:

Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Aug. 15, Sep. 19

7:30-9 am

Free! No registration required.

Public Programs:

Tuesday, Sep. 12

7:30-9 pm

Free! No registration required.

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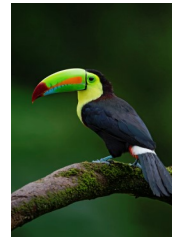
Honduras Eco Tour



Join Sabrewing Nature Tours and Friends of Holliday Park for an unforgettable eco-tour to breathtaking Honduras. The tour will take you to the fantastic Lodge at Pico Bonito, a member of the 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World', for a week of guided exploration along Honduras' north coast. A portion of each registration will be donated to Friends of Holliday Park.

Registration includes:

- Expert Guides
- Ground Transportation in Honduras
- All lodging and meals
- Park entrance fees
- \$500 donation to Friends of Holliday Park



Price does not include airfare to and from San Pedro Sula, alcoholic beverages, personal items or tips.

These special tours are being offered:

January 20-27, 2018 or January 27-February 3, 2018

Price per person (double occupancy): \$2,699.00

Single supplement: \$475.00

Registration begins Thursday, June 15, 2017

Join staff from Sabrewing Nature Tours and Friends of Holliday Park for a presentation and informational session at the Holliday Park Nature Center on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm

For more information and a detailed itinerary, or to register, please visit www.sabrewingtours.com or www.hollidaypark.org

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